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COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES RELATED TO  
WARNING AND CRISIS OPERATIONS

1. The NOIWON (National Operations and Intelligence Watch Officers Net) which connects the 24-hour watch officers of CIA, DIA, NSA, State, State/INR, J-3, and the WhiteHouse Situation Room into a secure voice conferencing network, has been operational since last April. The procedures have been revised and circulated by USIB this month. Provision for the addition of the intelligence component watch officers of the four armed services on a passive basis (listen only) is currently under development.
2. A secure voice conferencing system ("Meet-me-Bridge") became operational last November which technically allows any person in the Intelligence Community (or any other part of the government) who has authorized access to a gray telephone to conference with up to five other parties. USIB has restricted its use to USIB and IRAC members, the NIOs, and the Intelligence Community Staff. An improvement to this bridge will be available next fall when a new switch is to be installed at CIA which will allow simplified conferencing procedures.
3. The CONTEXT (Conferenced Text Editing) system, which will allow secure voice (speaker phone) conferencing plus a visual capability (key board, cathode ray tube display and hard copy printer), will

start its testing phase early in April. If the tests are successful the minimum plan is to establish a CONTEXT conference room at each major facility (CIA, NSA, Pentagon and State Department) for use by the intelligence, state, and military operations communities.